



PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Richard G. CARTLEDGE et al.)
Serial No. 10/651,840) Art Unit: **Unassigned**
Filed: August 29, 2003) Examiner: **Unassigned**
For: APPARATUS FOR IMPLANTING)
SURGICAL DEVICES FOR CONTROLLING)
THE INTERNAL CIRCUMFERENCE OF)
AN ANATOMIC ORIFICE OR LUMEN)

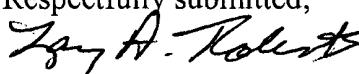
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

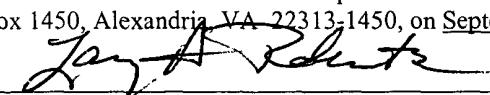
The citation of information on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. A copy of each cited item is enclosed.

The citation of this information does not constitute an admission of priority or that any cited item is available as a reference, or a waiver of any right the applicant may have under applicable statutes, Rules of Practice in patent cases, or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Roberts
Reg. No. 31,871

KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP
1100 Peachtree Street, Suite 2800
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4530
(404) 815-6500
Our Docket: 52817/291339

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 12, 2003.


Larry A. Roberts - Reg. No. 31,871



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Form 1449/A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known	
Application Number	10/651,840
Filing Date	August 29, 2003
First Name of Inventor	Richard G. CARTLEDGE et al.
Group Art Unit	Unassigned
Examiner Name	Unassigned
Attorney Docket Number	52817/291339

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent document, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.